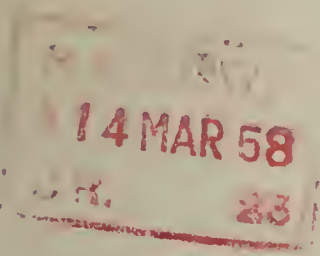


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PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for

1957

including

Report of the Port Health Inspector

by

T.D. Blott, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.



MALDON PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Comprising the Borough of Maldon, Maldon Rural District, West Mersea Urban District and Lexden and Winstree Rural District.

His Worship the Mayor - Aldermen D.C. Fenn, J.P.

Aldermen W. Binder, Mrs. E.F.M. Brewster, C.C., D.R. Cargill and E.C. Dines, J.P.

Councillors F.W. Brewster, C. Dowsett, A.V. Edwards, Mrs. E.R. Flack, W.G. Ginn, S. Hardy-King, G.J. Hughes, W.S. Hutchinson, Mrs. W.R. Keeble, D.E. Lewsey, N.J. Mitchell, R.W.C. Marsh, A.G. Ralph, D.T.K. Tonkin and A.E. Woodward.

SECTION 1 STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.	Any other Appointments Held.
K.C. Robertson.	Clerk.	1st August 1947.	Solicitor & Town Clerk.	Town Clerk Borough of Maldon.
Dr. T.D. Blott.	Medical Officer of Health,	1st March 1954.	B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health Borough of Maldon.
R.A. Hallett.	Port Health Inspector.	25th September 1950.	Cert S.I.J.B. M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I.	Public Health Inspector Borough of Maldon.
C.F. Hunt.	Treasurer.	1st January, 1944.	Borough Treasurer.	Treasurer Borough of Maldon.

To the Mayor, the Aldermen and the Councillors
of the Borough of Maldon.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my fourth annual report on the sanitary condition of the Port of Maldon covering the year ending 31st December, 1957.

No notifications of infectious diseases were received.

Conditions of boats inspected were found to be satisfactory. The number of inspections made, however, was again inadequate to ensure a reasonable standard of safety.

In June I attended a meeting of the Association of Sea and Air Port Health Authorities at Bristol. The matters under discussion included a survey of recent advances in the analysis of imported foods, from which it was obvious that considerable vigilance will be necessary as the amount of contamination found in some imported foodstuffs suggests that they would be definitely detrimental to health.

The nuisance of excessive noise caused by low flying jet aircraft was also under consideration. This again is a nuisance of which the inhabitants lower down the estuary are well aware.

I am happy to report that progress has been made in ensuring that the oysters produced in the Blackwater will reach the market in a safe condition. The recently opened Public Health Laboratory at Chelmsford, under the direction of Dr. Pilsworth, acting in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Marine Laboratory, Burnham-on-Crouch, and the Public Health Authorities at West Mersea, have managed to trace what we believe is the main source of infection at the West Mersea Oyster Pits. I am of the opinion that, given, the whole hearted co-operation of those concerned in the industry, it should be possible to ensure a high degree of safety in these pits, and I am hoping that all the necessary steps will be taken voluntarily within the next few months.

Your Port Health Inspector, Mr. Hallett, has not been idle during the year. He has had to deal with a wide variety of problems, including oil pollution, and I am much indebted to him for his industry.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T.D. Blott.

SECTION 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	39	9,313	3	6	nil
Coastwise	120	6,865	9	31	nil
Total	159	16,178	12	37	nil

SECTION 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	(Number of Passengers (Number of Passengers	INWARDS OUTWARDS	Nil Nil
CARGO TRAFFIC	(PRINCIPAL IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL EXPORTS	Timber, Wheat, Live Eels, Wheat.	
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive.	London, Colchester, White Sea, Baltic and Norwegian Ports and Rotterdam.		

SECTION 1V - Inland Barge Traffic.

Nil

SECTION V - Water Supply.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VII - Venereal Disease.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VIII - Smallpox.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on ships.

TABLE D

NIL


NO CHANGE.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in ships.

NIL

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

NO CHANGE.



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SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

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TABLE F

NIL

SECTION XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances.

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and Number of Inspections	Notices served		Result of Serving Notice
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Crew accommodation	49	NIL	NIL
Galley and Food Store	49	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	98	NIL	NIL

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE

WEST MERSEA SEWER OUTFALL AND POSSIBLE COCKLE POLLUTION - NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens (Not applicable).

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

NO CHANGE



